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The Honorable Jocelyn G. Boyd
Chief Clerk/Executive Director
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
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**Re: South Carolina Energy Freedom Act (H.3659) Proceeding Initiated Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-40-20(C): Generic Docket to (1) Investigate and Determine the Costs and Benefits of the Current Net Energy Metering Program and (2) Establish a Methodology for Calculating the Value of the Energy Produced by Customer-Generators; Duke Energy Progress, LLC's Establishment of Net Energy Metering Tariff in Compliance with H. 3659; and Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC's Establishment of Net Energy Metering Tariff in Compliance with H. 3659
Docket Numbers: 2019-182-E, 2019-169-E, 2019-170-E**

Dear Ms. Boyd:

On August 26, 2020, the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the "Commission") issued Order No. 2020-570, which instituted separate proceedings for: 1) the generic docket concerning the methodology for valuing the energy produced by customer generators and the cost benefit analysis of net energy metering and 2) the solar choice tariffs. The Order further requested that the parties submit suggested procedural schedules for the solar choice tariff proceedings by no later than August 31, 2020, taking into account the March 3, 2021 deadline by which the Commission must issue its final order and requesting proposed orders be submitted by no later than February 3, 2021.

Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC ("DEC") and Duke Energy Progress, LLC ("DEP" and, together with DEC, the "Companies") appreciate the Commission's decision to separate the generic docket from the docket in which the solar choice tariffs will be considered. The Companies respectfully submit that, for their solar choice tariff proceedings, the following schedule should be adopted:

DEC and DEP Applications & Direct Testimony due November 2, 2020
ORS and Intervenor Testimony due December 7, 2020
Rebuttal Testimony due December 21, 2020
Surrebuttal Testimony due January 4, 2021
Joint DEC/DEP Evidentiary Hearing January 11, 2021
Briefs and Proposed Orders due February 3, 2021
PSCSC Final Orders issued March 3, 2021
Compliance Tariffs due March 15, 2021

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The Companies believe the proposed schedule provides adequate time for intervention, initial discovery between the parties, and testimony development while taking into account the Commission's calendar, holidays, and response times. Further, given that solar choice tariffs are being filed pursuant to Act 62 and will be new petitions, the Companies intend to file their solar choice tariff applications and direct testimony in new dockets which can appropriately be captioned as solar choice tariff dockets versus the compliance dockets of 2019-169-E and 2019-170-E in which updated net metering tariffs were filed and approved as required by Act 62.

The Companies appreciate the Commission's attention to their request to separate the generic proceeding from the solar choice tariff proceedings and appreciate the opportunity to provide this proposed procedural schedule for consideration. The Companies note that the proposed procedural schedule is supported by Vote Solar, the North Carolina Sustainable Energy Association, and the Southern Environmental Law Center on behalf of the South Carolina Coastal Conservation League, the Southern Alliance for Clean Energy, and Upstate Forever.¹

Sincerely,



Heather Shirley Smith

cc: Parties of record

¹ These parties reviewed the proposed procedural schedule submitted in this letter and consent to the Companies representing their support to the Commission.